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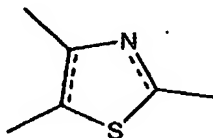
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : Wagle et al.
SERIAL NUMBER : 10/036,856 EXAMINER : Cybille Delacroix-Muirheid
FILING DATE : December 31, 2001 ART UNIT : 1614
FOR : METHODS FOR TREATING GLAUCOMA II B

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

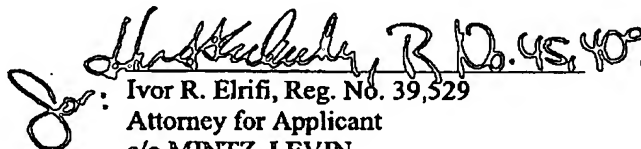
In response to the Species Election Requirement (Paper No. 9) mailed on December 1, 2003, Applicants elect the following species: the compound of Formula I wherein "J" is Sulfur and where $\Delta^{2,3}$ is present "Rc" is alkyl. The Examiner has also requested that Applicants elect a specific compound, Applicants elect 2,4,5-trimethyl thiazole.



Applicants respectfully traverse the requirement and note that the election of species is made for the purpose of examination of the claims only and that applicants maintain the right to have the full scope of the claims, as written, examined on the merits.

A response is due on or before January 1, 2004, without extension. Please charge any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311; Attorney Reference No. 26448-507 (Customer Number: 30623).

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